

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 13, 22, 34, 46, 47, 63, 64, and 66-68 are amended. Claims 58-60 are cancelled. Claims 1, 2, 4-23, 25-35, 37-47, 49-57, and 61-68 are now pending in the application. The amendments to the claims as indicated herein do not add any new matter to this application. Each issue raised in the Office Action mailed March 25, 2008 is addressed hereinafter, in order of appearance.

Claim 63 stands objected to under 37 CFR 1.75c (Office Action, Page 2, Section 2). In response, Claim 63 has been amended.

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-11, 13-20, 22, 23, 25-28, 30-32, 34, 35, 37-40, 42-44, 46, 47, 49-52, 54-56, 58-62 and 64-68 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,092,354 to Jenson (Office Action, Page 2, Section 3). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As shown herein, numerous claims have been amended to more clearly recite the role of the cluster manager. Such a feature is not shown in Jensen or any combination of prior art asserted thus far.

For the reasons set forth above, all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by e-mail or telephone relating to any issue that would advance examination of the present application.

A petition for extension of time, to the extent necessary to make this reply timely filed, is hereby made. If applicable, a check for the petition for extension of time fee and other applicable

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fees is enclosed herewith. If any applicable fee is missing or insufficient, throughout the pendency of this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to any applicable fees and to credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,

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